

## Should Police Departments be defunded, if not abolished?

Defunding the police departments would cause complete chaos! The Police Departments have been protecting and serving citizens of the United States for many years. Today, many states have considered the opponents' arguments to be more logical than the proponents. Obviously, opponents have a better argument because they assert that the police department should not be defunded because national reformed regulations will help ~~to~~ improve police interactions with the public, and ~~the a~~ lack of funds will result in police availability, increasing violence and civilian injuries.

Firstly, opponents argue that the police departments should not be defunded, but instead, police should be held to reformed national regulations. For example, researchers found that "police in other countries do not routinely carry guns, choke-holds are banned, and use of force policies are stricter than in the united states." (con 3) This implies that instead of defunding the police departments, police officers should be governed by ~~have~~ stricter policies, ~~to be held against~~.

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Secondly, opponents argue that police departments should not be defunded because when police budgets are cut, violence and civilian injuries increase. For example, they affirm that "2010 police budgets were cut, resulting in 20,592 fewer officers in 2017, and 20% more guns, knives, and serious violent crimes." (con 3) This implies that defunding the police departments would be a bad idea because more violence and less protection for people in need of help.

On the contrary, proponents argue that the police departments should be defunded . They assert that "police officers and police departments' reforms have not worked".(pro 2) However, opponents have a better debate. They affirm that "if police departments were reformed to focus on policing black neighborhoods the same way they police wealthy white neighborhoods, police violence would decrease." (con 2) This implies that if police departments focus on serving enforce equal rights and protection for all, then reforms are both possible and most American will support them. supported by a majority of americans

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In conclusions, opponents have a better argument because they express their opinion effectively. They use evidence that disproves the proponents' claims. They demonstrate how reforming the police departments is more effective and supportive when rights are honored equally. They also clarify that defunding the police district would cause fewer officers to be available to protect citizens and civilian injuries would increase. Additionally, opponents also contend that instead of defunding the police departments, police officers and departments should be held to national reformed regulations to improve how police interact with the public. As such, it's clear that the opponents' argument about defunding the police is much stronger. Therefore, I believe the police department should not be defunded.

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